

REMARKS

Claims 3-5 are pending in the application, as amended. Claims 1 and 2 have been canceled. Claim 5 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of canceled claims 1 and 2. Claim 3 has been amended to depend from claim 5. No new matter has been added by the foregoing amendments.

Objection to the Claims

The Examiner objected to claim 1 for improper recitation of the article “an” rather than the article “a” at lines 13 and 20 of original claim 1. In view of cancellation of claim 1, the objection is moot.

Claim Rejection – 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2,368,054 (Viglietta) in view of U.S. Patent No. 2,316,615 (Piper). In view of cancellation of claims 1 and 2 and amendment of claim 3 (and claim 4 depending from claim 3) to depend from amended claim 5, found by the Examiner to be allowable if re-written in independent form, Applicant respectfully submits that rejection of claims 1-4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) is now moot.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation that the Examiner has found claim 5 to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and intervening claims. In accordance with the Examiner’s comments, claim 5 has been amended to recite the subject matter of canceled claims 1 and 2 from which claim 5 originally depended.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the present application, including claims 3-5, is in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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